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EXTENDED RAMP CLOSURES ON US 101 IN VENTURA

VENTURA – Southbound Ventura Freeway (U.S. 101) traffic was switched today to the existing northbound Santa Clara River Bridge, as part of the \$100 million improvement project on U.S. 101 from Vineyard Avenue in Oxnard to Johnson Drive in Ventura. Demolition of the old southbound bridge is expected to begin next week.

This phase of the project involves extended closures (12-to 18 months) of various southbound ramps, including the Johnson Drive on-ramp and the Wagon Wheel Road and Oxnard Boulevard (Route 1) off-ramps.

During the closures, the following detours are recommended:

Johnson Drive on-ramp detour will be Ventura Boulevard to Victoria Avenue or Leland Street to Golf Course Drive to Olivas Park Drive to the Victoria Avenue on-ramp.

Wagon Wheel Road off-ramp detour will be the Vineyard Avenue or Victoria Avenue off-ramp to Gonzales Road to Oxnard Boulevard.

Oxnard Boulevard off-ramp detour will be the Vineyard Avenue or Victoria Avenue off-ramp to Gonzales Road to Oxnard Boulevard or Rose Avenue to Gonzales Road to Oxnard Boulevard.

While the southbound U.S. 101 Vineyard Avenue off-ramp will be temporarily widened to accommodate the Wagon Wheel Road and Oxnard Boulevard detoured traffic, the use of alternate routes is encouraged to minimize congestion on the Vineyard ramp and Vineyard Avenue.

The project, which began in 2002, is expected to complete fall 2007. Major components include construction of a full diamond interchange at Oxnard Boulevard, adding northbound and southbound lanes to U.S. 101 and constructing a new bridge over the Santa Clara River.

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